

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A device for holding an item to be engraved comprising:  
a tray adapted to be engaged by an engraving machine and comprising at least one  
5 recess;  
said recess containing a mold;  
said mold comprising a cavity adapted to hold an engraveable item; and  
having an inner surface conforming to the shape of at least a portion of the outer  
surface of said jewelry item.
- 10 2. The device set forth in claim 1, wherein said tray comprises multiple recesses  
containing multiple molds.
3. The device set forth in claim 1, wherein said recess is defined by a bottom surface  
and a side surface extending from said bottom surface, and further comprising a notch  
extending into said tray from said side surface.
- 15 4. The device set forth in claim 2, wherein each of said recesses are defined by a  
bottom surface and a side surface extending from said bottom surface, and further  
comprising a notch extending between the side surfaces of at least two of said recesses.
5. The device set forth in claim 2, wherein said multiple molds have multiple  
cavities and said inner surfaces of said cavities are of a different shape.
- 20 6. The device set forth in claim 1, wherein said mold is vulcanized rubber.
7. The device set forth in claim 1, wherein said item is a jewelry item.

8. The device set forth in claim 1, and further comprising a jewelry item positioned in said cavity and an engraving machine.

9. The device set forth in claim 1, wherein said jewelry item has an irregular cross-section.